

## **BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)**

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### **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

Those present were: Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville; Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township Supervisor; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Nick Perfili for Susan Richardson, MDOT Planning; Mike Stoner, Bay Metro Transit; Mike Niederquell; Wade Trim; and Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Correction to February 28, 2007 minutes: 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph on page 3 should state August letting not May letting for Pine Rd. It was moved by Stoner, supported by Perfili, and carried to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2007 meeting. Motion Passed.

### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

### **Update From Bay Metro Transit:**

Stoner gave an update and discussed the need to secure federal funding for Bay Metro Transit projects. Stoner spoke with Howard Wetter, MSU-Extension Director, about the development of a senior friendly city plan. Mr. Wetters would like BCATS to be in on the planning for this project as transportation is an important component for this plan.

### **Public Hearing on BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP Amendment:**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:41 p.m. by Dale Majerczyk, Chairman of BCATS. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP Amendments, which include: FY-2008 Bay Metro Projects, MDOT FY-2008 GPA Amounts needing adjustments, the North Henry Phase II & III joined and moving into FY-2007 in order to qualify for the Local Jobs Today fund, and removing the M-25 project from FY-2008 and having it placed in FY-2009 in the new TIP. Engelhardt explained that it was important to get all the projects in order to make for a clean transition as we move forward with the TIP. Discussion ensued. The Public Hearing on the BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP Amendment was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

### **Amendment of BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP:**

A motion was made by Perfili, seconded by Lillo, to amend the 2006-07-08 BCATS TIP to include the following changes: FY-2008 Bay Metro Projects, MDOT FY-2008 GPA Amounts need adjustments, the North Henry Phase II & III joined and moving into FY-2007 in order to qualify for the Local Jobs Today fund, and removing the M-25 project from FY-2008 and having it placed in FY-2009 in the new TIP. Motion

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passed.

### **BCATS 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):**

The MTP was posted for the 30-day public review on March 17, 2007. The original draft went out for comment on March 13, 2007 and was available for comment. Engelhardt discussed the various contacts made, comments received to date and those received at the public review session held at the Wirt Library on April 5, 2007. Seven people attended the April 5<sup>th</sup> Open House. Engelhardt stated that BCATS would have to add the Consultation Chapter in the MTP which will outline the steps taken by BCATS for outreach efforts and the comments received during the process. Engelhardt discussed that he would like to see the MTP adopted at the June, 2007 meeting. This way he can include the Consultation Chapter and incorporation comments from FHWA for approval. Further discussion was tabled to the June, 2007 meeting.

### **2008-09-10-11 Four Year TIP for Public Review:**

Prior to approval of the new 2008-09-10-11 TIP, the document needs to be available for public review. Engelhardt noted that the TIP would be published for 30 days as it is stated the Participation Plan that was adopted in June, 2006 as part of the BCATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The new TIP, with approval, would go into effect at the start of FY-2008 (Oct. 1, 2007).

A motion was made by Stoner, seconded by Perfili, to authorize making the 2008-09-10-11 TIP available for public review in accordance to the Participation Plan. Motion Passed.

### **2008 BCATS Unified Work Program:**

Engelhardt discussed the 2008 Unified Work Program and explained that he was still working on it. Engelhardt is checking into the Public Participation requirements for the UWP. The UWP only has to be updated if there are financial triggers. It is anticipated that the UWP will be ready for committee approval at the June, 2007 meeting.

### **Non-Motorized Trails Summit:**

Due to state financial cuts, the Trail Summit scheduled to take place on May 10, 2007 in Frankenmuth has been cancelled until further notice.

### **Project Updates:**

The ***Pine Street Project*** is listed as one of the Local Jobs Today projects and has some right-of-way issues still new to be resolved.

### **Other/New Business:**

#### **Self-Certification:**

Engelhardt discussed the Self-Certification process. Engelhardt explained

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that this is a yearly formality for the committee. The Self-Certification needs to be incorporated in the TIP instead of the UWP as was done in the past.

A motion was made by Brandt, seconded by Lillo, to approve the Self-Certification, allowing Dale Majerczyk as the Chair and Dave Engelhardt to sign the self-certification paperwork. Motion Passed.

### **Asset Management:**

Engelhardt discussed the importance of developing the Asset Management Plan. Engelhardt attended a meeting in which Rick Lilly from MDOT discussed the need for such a plan. However, the survey is on hold until further notice as we are waiting for a determination from MDOT to see if they can participate in the process.

As there was no further business, the April 18, 2007 BCATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt  
BCATS Director

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